

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. The law requires use of the public airwaves to serve the public interest, and forcing stations to air clearly one-sided messages (without balancing them with programs that show the other side) is not serving the public's interest at all--rather, it is serving someone's personal or corporate interest.

The U.S. is promoting itself as being a nation that honors and exports democracy, yet we will be getting less of what we need for our democracy if this action of Sinclair is allowed to happen.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.